

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 874

By Pody

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Friendship Christian School boys' basketball team upon winning the TSSAA Class A State Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to honor and commend those victorious high school teams that, through their meritorious accomplishments, bring honor to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the members of the 2011-2012 Friendship Christian School boys' basketball team have proven themselves to be the fiercest of competitors and, as such, deserving of the highest regard; and

WHEREAS, the Commanders achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2011-2012 season, a season which was capped by their recent victory in the TSSAA Class A State Tournament championship game, in which they defeated the Perry County High School team 38-34 at Middle Tennessee State University's Murphy Center in Murfreesboro. The title is the first for Friendship Christian School and also marks the first time a Wilson County school has captured the state crown; and

WHEREAS, guided by head coach Cleve Harris and assistant coaches Jason Miller, Ross Jordan, and John McNeal and assisted by the team's athletic trainer, Nathan Johnson, the Commanders put together a magnificent season, going undefeated in district play, putting together an undefeated home record on the season, and capturing both the regional and sub-state championships before winning the state title; and

WHEREAS, the players on the 2011-2012 Class A State Champion team are: seniors Hunter Anderson, Dalton Patterson, Aaron Johnson, Drew Hutchison, Mark Sandoval, Sam

Lancaster, Austin DeFevers, and Blake Petty; juniors Allen Heaston and Hunter Watts; and freshmen Sam Gatlin, Steven Hollis, Anthony Williams, Colton Gaines, and Andrew Wood; and

WHEREAS, Mark Sandoval was named the State Tournament's Most Valuable Player, and he, Dalton Patterson, and Allen Heaston were named to the All-Tournament team; and

WHEREAS, the members of Friendship Christian boys' basketball team epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while exhibiting the highest degree of character in all aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the members of the Friendship Christian boys' basketball team for their outstanding performance and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate the players, trainer, and coaches of the Friendship Christian School boys' basketball team upon their recent capture of the Class A State Championship title, applauding their spectacular effort and unwavering commitment to success throughout the season and extending our best wishes for their continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.